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SUBJECT: NSF/SFCP - VISITING SCIENTIST JOSEPH ARDITTI

REF: STATE 146115

1. EMBASSY WELCOMES PROPOSED ARDITTI RESEARCH PROJECT. WE HAVE SOUGHT GUB ENDORSEMENT BY LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR TO PLANNING AND FINANCE MINISTER U LWIN, BELIEVING THIS APPROACH BEST CALCULATED TO ELICIT PROMPT AND FAVORABLE ANSWER. PENDING SUCH REPLY, NO FURTHER ACTION NECESSARY BY NSF OR ARDITTI.

2. CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR FY 1974 IS NOW HEAVILY COMMITTED BECAUSE OF RENEWED GUB INTEREST IN SENDING TECHNICIANS TO U.S. FOR FURTHER TRAINING INCLUDING UNIVERSITY STUDY. WE ARE NOT YET CERTAIN EXACTLY HOW MANY OF THESE TRAINEES WILL MATERIALIZE DURING FY 1974, AND WOULD THEREFORE PREFER TO POSTPONE OFFERING VIEWS ON WHETHER ARDITTI TRAVEL COULD BE FUNDED BY CU. NSF AND CU MAY WISH TO DISCUSS IN MEANTIME. IN GENERAL, WE BELIEVE IT SLIGHTLY PREFERABLE TO HANDLE PROJECT OUTSIDE REGUALR CULTURAL

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EXCHANGE PROGRAM, AND TO GIVE IT COLORATION OF TECHNICAL

ASSISTANCE AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION.

3. IF GUB AGREES TO PROJECT WE SHALL WORK OUT DETAILS OF GRANTEE INFORMATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF FOREIGN COUNTER-PART SCIENTIST.

4. FOLLOWING IS TENTATIVE BUDGET EXCLUDING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND IMPORTED EQUIPMENT:

	PER MONTH	FOR 9-MONTH STAY
LODGING (HOTEL SUITE)	K 2,300	K20,700
MEALS	K 1,000	K 9,000
CAR AND DRIVER	K 1,000	K 9,000
IN-COUNTRY TRAVEL		K 2,000
SALARY OF RESEARCH ASSISTANT	K 250	K 2,250
GENERAL RESEARCH COSTS		K 1,500

TOTAL KYAT COSTS K 44,450

COMMISSARY AND AMERICAN CLUB US \$100 \$900

5. FOREGOING ESTIMATE OF LOCAL HIRE ASSISTANCE AND RESEARCH COSTS (REFTEL, PARA 4-B) IS BASED ON ONE ASSISTANT AT LEVEL OF RECENT GRADUATE. ESTIMATE SHOULD BE ADJUSTED UPWARD IF ADDITIONAL OR MORE HIGHLY QUALIFIED HELP IS NEEDED. WE HAVE NOT DISCUSSED BUDGET WITH GUB PENDING REACTION TO ARDITTI PROPOSAL. IF GUB REACTION FAVORABLE, WE SHALL WISH TO CONSULT GUB ABOUT BUDGET AND FOREGOING MAY THEREFORE BE SUBJECT TO SOME CHANGE.
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